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Trevor F. McGraw	3752			

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- This communication is responsive to 09/04/2008. The allowed claim(s) is/are 61 and 63-67.
- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). b) \(\subseteq \text{Some* c} \) \(\subseteq \text{None of the:} \) a) \square All
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- 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other .

/Len Tran/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3752

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comment

Examiner acknowledges the cancellation of Claim 62.

Response to Arguments

Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Applicant's arguments, see pages 6-8, filed 09/04/2008, with respect to the rejection of Claims 61 and 63-67 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claims 61 and 63-67 has been withdrawn in view of Applicants amendment to Claim 61 that includes limitations to limits of travel for the windshield wiper where a controller can change the limits of windshield wiper travel at any time before the windshield wiper reaches the limit of travel. Furthermore, the rejection is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment to Claim 65 that was previously indicated allowable and includes the limitations of the formerly preceding claims. An Examiner's Amendment follows below to change the dependency of Claim 63 away from cancelled Claim 62 towards pending independent Claim 61.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 63 as follows:

63. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim [[62]] 61 wherein said controller is operative to change the direction of said at least one windshield wiper without reaching at least one of said two limits of travel based on said torque.

REASON'S FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is allowable for at least the following reasons where the prior art of record fails to teach where a windshield wiper system that includes a controller, a spray head that communicates with a reservoir for containing fluid where a vessel inlet receives fluid from the reservoir and supplies fluid through an outlet to the spray head for facilitating

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spraying onto a windshield wiper where the system has a wiper that has a motor that is operated by the controller and the controller designates a limit of travel for the wipers based upon a measured torque value from the motor that drives the wipers. The prior art of record also fails to teach in combination where the motor and wiper can be operated by the controller to change the direction of travel without reaching a designated limit of travel where the windshield wiper wipes between the two limits of travel and can be put into a summer parking mode and a winter parking mode with each parking mode having separate limits of travel respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on (571) 272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/T. E. M./ Examiner, Art Unit 3752 /Len Tran/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3752